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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Konocti Conservation Camp - Waterline Repair Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Konocti Conservation Camp 13044 State Highway 29, Lower Lake, CA 95457 Sections 2 and 11 of Township 12 North, Range 8 West, MDBM 5 miles west of Lower Lake	<b>COUNTY</b>	Lake
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will make needed repairs to the potable water supply system at the existing Konocti Conservation Camp. There are two existing waterlines which are damaged. One is a 4-inch diameter waterline that delivers water from the treatment plant up the hill 800 feet (120 feet elevation change) to the water storage tanks. This line has a major leak. The other waterline, which is an existing 4-inch line supplying water to the camp via gravity from the storage tanks, has also failed. Both waterlines need to be replaced.

This project would involve the excavation of a trench approximately 800 feet long, 18 inches wide and 36 inches deep. Two new waterlines would be placed and undergrounded in this trench. There will be a new 2-inch diameter poly supply line to the tanks and new 6-inch diameter C-900 line from the tanks to the camp and hydrant system. The existing failed pipes would be abandoned in place. Following installation, the disturbed area will be restored to its natural grade. The alignment has been previously disturbed by the installation of the original water system for the camp.

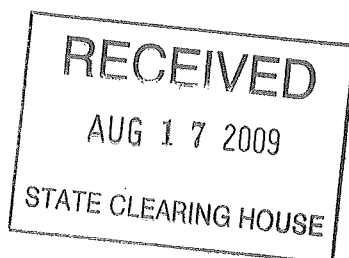
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 2 §15302 Replacement/Reconstruction of Existing Facilities and 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the descriptions of Class 2 and 4 Categorical Exemptions to CEQA. CEQA Guidelines [14 CCR §15302(c)] specifies an exemption for the replacement of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. That description is a good fit for this project as is CEQA Guidelines [14 CCR §15304(f)] which exempts minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The entire project alignment is located within previously disturbed ground which reduces the risk of environmental impact. CalFire has determined that this project is exempt. Prior to making this determination, the CalFire Unit completed an environmental review to confirm that no unusual conditions or sensitive resources exist at the project site. Documentation of this environmental review is on file at Unit Headquarters in Saint Helena and at CalFire Headquarters in Sacramento.

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